

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. In the office action mailed September 10, 2003, claims 1-53 were pending, and made subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Particularly, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-26 were drawn to dressing tool, classified in class 451, subclass 443 (Group I), Claims 27-45 were drawn to a method for fabricating a dressing tool classified in class 51, subclass 293, (Group II), and Claims 46-53 were drawn to a method of conditioning a fixed abrasive CMP pad, classified in class 451, subclass 56.

As recited above, Applicant has elected Claims 1-26 for examination in the present patent application. Therefore, pursuant to the present election, Claims 1-26 remain for consideration in the present patent application, and Claims 27-53 are withdrawn from consideration.

If any impediment remains after consideration of the above-recited remarks, which could be removed during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone Mr. David Osborne, or in his absence, the undersigned attorney at (801) 566-6633 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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